

City Services / Tax Duplication Table

Notes

1. This document identifies the City of Takoma Park service areas by department, as shown in the FY 05 Budget. More information on the responsibilities and activities of each service area can be found in the budget document.
2. The Approximate FY05 Budgeted Cost is rounded to the nearest thousand. Please note that not all of the costs in this column come from property taxes. Other revenue sources include user fees, fines, and grants. Some service areas are largely self-supported from user fees.
3. The County Service column represents the County entity that comes closest to having the same responsibilities as that in the City Service column. Sometimes other entities, such as private non-profits, may also provide similar services, but they are not reflected in this table.
4. The Differences in Service Levels column includes staff's perception of the major differences in service levels between a City function and a similar County one. Often an entry of "n/a" in this column indicates that the County unit would not do the City function. For example, the Chief Administrative Officer of the County would not also be the City Manager and run the City government.
5. The column labeled "Would County Provide Service if City Did Not?" represents staff's judgment. Ultimately the decision on whether or not the County would provide the service would be a County decision.
6. The "Amount of Rebate, If Any" column provides the rebate amount adopted by Montgomery County for FY05. However, because all rebates are for the last year that audited figures are available, the numbers represent a two-year delay and cannot be directly compared to the FY05 cost of the service. That is, the figures in this column are what the County claims it would have paid in FY03 to provide the service.
7. The information in the column labeled "Is Service 'Essential'?" is again the judgment of staff. Staff generally considered services of public health and safety, services required by law, or services that are an integral part of being a City government (having a City Council), as being essential services.

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General Government						
City Council	73,000	County Council	Smaller geographic area per Councilmember can allow for greater attention to citizens and small area needs	no	0	yes, if remain incorpor'd
City Manager's Office	705,000	Chief Admin. Officer	n/a	no	0	yes, if remain Council/ Mgr form gov't
Finance / City Clerk	538,000	Finance/ Clerk/ OMB/ Leg. Staff	n/a	no	0	yes, if remain incorpor'd
Information Systems	202,000	DIST	n/a	no	0	yes, if remain incorpor'd
Human Resources	124,000	County Human Resour- ces	n/a	no	0	yes, if remain incorpor'd

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Police						
Office of Chief	432,000	County Chief of Police	n/a	no	0	yes, if have City Police Dept.
Communication (Dispatch)	349,000	County Dispatch	County EOC answers all 911 calls, forwards TP calls to our Dispatch; we also get 270-1100 calls; we will respond to repeat false alarms. Dispatch has 24 hr. receptionist and building security role.	yes - patrol dispatch role only	0 (claim no add. staff would be needed at EOC)	yes
Operations (Patrol)	2,444,000	County Police	County would provide 31 patrol officers and sergeants to our 32 officers (County wants to reduce # to 21); County has telephone reporting unit for 7.5% of calls while we always send officer	yes	1,829,000 patrol & sergeants; 121,738 crossing guards	yes
Criminal Investigations (CID)	574,000	County CID	County would provide 2 officers to our 7 officers.	Yes	232,000	yes

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Administrative Services	656,000	County Police Admin Svcs	n/a	County would provide administrative and records services for its patrol officers and operations	0 County says no additional staff is necessary	yes

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Public Works						
Adminstration	275,000	DPW&T	n/a	no	0	yes, if provide PW services
Bldg. Operation & Maintenance	502,000	DPW&T	n/a	no	0	yes, if remain incorpor'd
Equipment Maintenance	411,000	DPW&T	n/a	no	0	yes
ROW and Park Maintenance	788,000	DPW&T	have similar levels; City has much higher service in leaf collection (County only 2 vacuum collections); can be more responsive to snow removal problems; does commercial area cleaning (only partially subsidized in City; probably more subsidized in County)	no on street maintenance and plowing, unless County agreed to accept ownership of ROWs; yes on leaf collection, but would be a fee (\$67.78); yes on some park maintenance	339,903 road maint 71,740 park maint	yes for road maint no for vacuum leaf collection (could be bagged) yes for park maint

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Solid Waste Management	733,000	DPW&T	little difference	yes, for a fee (\$215.59/year per residential property)	0	yes, but residents could contract separately
Urban Forest & Gardens	296,000	DPW&T	City provides/requires enhanced services on tree protection (City Tree Ordinance); enhanced garden services w/o subsidy	no	0	no
City Engineer	199,000	DPW&T and DPS	more responsive to citizen calls; visits sites personally	yes	0	yes, as long as have stormwater mgmt authority

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Recreation						
Administration	332,000	County Rec; M- NCPPC	n/a	no	0	yes, if have Rec Dept
Outreach	174,000	County Rec	City has more focus on teen and support programs; County does better job at senior programs and providing senior transportation	County provides services to Takoma Park residents; may not be expanded if no City Rec Dept	0	no
Operation of County-owned Takoma Park Recreation Center	173,000	County Rec / M- NCPPC	City operation allows for locally-based programming	unknown	100,000 is received, but is NOT a rebate (this plus user fees approx = budget)	no
Community Programs	74,000	County Rec / M- NCPPC	similar to County events and sports programs	no	0	no

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Athletic Fields / Facilities	74,000	M- NCPPC, MCPS	City maintains fields in exchange for being allowed to oversee permitting so local users can use local fields	yes, but City would lose local control	0	no
Summer Camps	79,000	County Rec	Camps are located in Takoma Park	no	0	no
After School Program	65,000	misc progs in some schools	provides daily afterschool program for local students; many County programs are not daily and end earlier; this program plus the Fun Days program provides care while parents at work	no	0	no
New Community Center	75,000	County Rec	local control; large computer lab	no	0 (but County could assist with rebate for senior services)	yes, unless sell or lease facility

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Housing and Community Development						
Administration	102,000	DHCA	n/a	no	0	yes, if have department
Affordable Housing	72,000	DHCA	similar level of service; provides information and assistance per Council direction and priorities	yes, but would not necessarily be consistent with City priorities	0	no
Code Enforcement	290,000	DHCA	County staff is responsible for rental unit inspections per MOU with City; City enforces remaining aspects of property code per City Code provisions	yes, but to County Code provisions	0	yes
Community Development	235,000	DHCA, DPS, Misc County agencies	Local focus; intensive community interaction on development project reviews, economic development projects, transportation planning, arts projects	yes, but to a much lower level of community interaction; County, not City, priorities	0	no

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Grants Management	97,000	DHCA, M- NCPPC, others	Local focus; awareness of City needs and staff capacity	yes, to a lower level and for County, not City, priorities	0	yes, admin work required if grants received
Landlord Tenant Services	116,000	DHCA	Local focus; City has Rent Stabilization, County does not	yes, but County would not enforce City Rent Stabilization or other local laws	0	yes, if laws remain
COLTA	83,000	DHCA	similar levels of service, but City COLTA familiar with local laws	yes, but for County, not City, provisions	0	yes, if laws remain

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Communications						
Administration	49,000	Various	n/a	no	0	yes, if keep function
Web Site and Public Relations	77,000	County Exec; County Council; DIST	local control; local promotion	no	0	no
Newsletter	58,000	none	n/a	no	0	no
Cable TV & Telecomm.	142,000	Cable Channel Mont.	County has own cable TV channel for its use	no	0	no

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Library						
Administration	102,000	County Library	n/a	no	89,700 is received as a “Library Payment” is NOT a rebate	no
Readers Services	354,000	County Library System	similar service, but is closer than Long Branch or Takoma, DC library for many residents and school children; City library can get books from County or other libraries for a fee while intra-County borrowing is free at a County library	no - all regular library services are offered at the Long Branch Library	0	no
Book Collection and Catalog Maintenance	178,000	County Library System	similar; Takoma Park Library has special horticulture and Takoma Park history collection	no	0	no
Children’s Program	34,000	County Library System	frequent special programs for children are offered that are very popular; County offers fewer children’s programs	no	0	no

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Periodicals and Newspapers	31,000	County Library System	similar	no	0	no
Non-book Materials	25,000	County Library System	similar	no	0	no
Outreach	38,000	n/a	n/a	no	0	no